

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 15-23 are pending in the application, claims 7, 10, 11 and 14 having been canceled herein.

The examiner objected to claims 1 and 16 due to informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 16 to correct the informalities and thus requests that the objections be withdrawn.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the examiner has allowed claim 23. Applicant further notes with appreciation the examiner's indication that claims 10 and 14 would be allowable if they are rewritten into independent form to contain all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has thus amended claim 1 such that it now contains all of the limitations of original claims 10, 7 and 1 to put it into allowable form. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended such that they now depend from claim 1 since claim 7 has been canceled. Applicant has amended claim 12 such that it now contains all of the limitations of original claims 14, 12, 11 and 1 to put it into allowable form. All remaining dependent claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 12. Therefore the rejections of the claims are now moot and all claims are in form for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue subject matter of canceled claims in a continuation application, if desired.

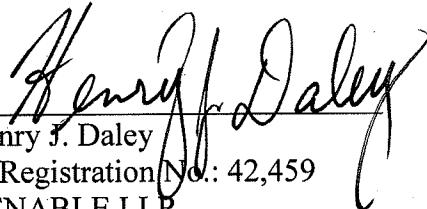
Applicant has addressed all of the objections and rejections and respectfully submits that the current application is in form for allowance.

Applicant's representative encourages the examiner to contact him at the below-noted number if there are any further issues to address prior to allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the three-month extension fee of \$555.00 to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, referencing our docket no. 68284-234055. Any necessary additional fees are hereby authorized to be charged, and any overpayments credited to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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Respectfully submitted,

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